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'VICTORY' ISSUE OF ANNUAL TO BE PUBLISHED

Representatives Held First Meeting Last Night.

SEVERAL NEW FEATURES.

Contest to be Held to Procure Artistic Contributions for the Publication.

At a meeting of representatives of the Junior years of the university in the Faculty room of the R. V. C., last night, it was decided to publish what promises to be one of the largest literary projects ever launched by students of McGill. In order to celebrate the coming of peace and the return of many men to the college, this year's Annual will be termed a "Victory" Annual and many novel features will be introduced. Although in the past years the Annuals have been steadily becoming more interesting, the present Board has decided to make several radical changes in the general make up of the book which they feel will contribute largely to making it more attractive to the student body.

It is the intention of the Board that a picture of every undergraduate should be included in this edition, and that the pictures will also have photographs of their executives, and, if possible, of all their members. Besides pictures, the activities of the different classes, clubs, and societies will be fittingly described, accompanied by appropriate drawings to be contributed by student artists, of whom there are many who are already well known as well as the large number always found in the Freshmen year. Within the next few weeks an announcement will be made regarding a contest to be held among the students in order to obtain the drawings for the book.

But that activities about the college are once more assuming pre-war proportions, this year's issue will be much larger than that of the past years.

The officers in charge of the publication were elected at last night's meeting as follows:

Editor-in-Chief, J. L. O'Brien.
Business Manager, P. Larose.
Treasurer, G. L. Wiggs.

Recording - Secretary, Miss Grace Moody.

Corresponding - Secretary, O. B. Evans.

Art Editor, J. N. Petersen.

The members of the Board present at the meeting were: Mrs. Hughes, Misses Moody and Roston, and Messrs. Dunbar, Larose, Wiggs, Beattie, Evans, Petersen and O'Brien.

Although it was the first meeting of the Board and consequently it was impossible to proceed with much business, still a very favourable start was made and, judging by the enthusiasm shown by the members present, everyone is going to outdo themselves in an effort to make this the booster edition.

A further meeting of the Annual Board will be held at the same place one week from last night, Wednesday, November the twenty-seventh, at seven thirty o'clock in the evening. Should anything come up which would render the holding of this meeting impossible, timely notice will be given to all the representatives through the medium of the "Daily". Notices as to meetings throughout the year will appear in the college paper from time to time.

MEETING OF MED. '23 HELD.

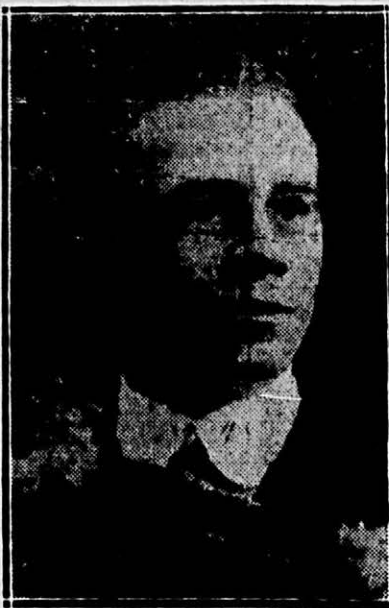
At a meeting of Med. '23, held Tuesday morning, Mr. Wheaton, of the Medical Undergraduate Society, held the chair. The following officers were elected for the coming session:—

President, E. M. Crawford.
Vice-president, J. C. Hay.
Secretary, Miss M. C. Gibbons.
Treasurer, E. A. Center.

"Daily" Reporter, W. B. Somerville. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

A Dutchman returned from German states that when in Berlin he saw placards bearing such inscriptions as "The Kaiser should be sent to St. Helena," "Down with the Hohenzollerns," etc.

R. DEWITT SCOTT, B.A.



General Secretary McGill Y.M.C.A.

WHAT'S ON

Nominations for Members Students' Council.

To-day.

5.00 p.m.—Water Polo at Y. M. C. A. Tank.

8.00 p.m.—Freshmen Reception in Strathcona Hall.

Coming.

Nov. 22, 3.00 p.m.—Meeting of Executive of Cercle Francais in Reading Room of Arts Bldg.

Nov. 22, 5.00 p.m.—Meeting of McGill Medical Society in Chemistry and Mining Building.

Nov. 24—Meeting of Columbian Club.

Nov. 27—Nominations Close.

Nov. 27—Meeting of Annual Board.

Dec. 6—Informal Dance at Union.

Dec. 6—Election of Faculty Representatives to Council, also of President Union and Track Club.

ARTS UNDERGRAD SOCIETY HOLD FIRST MEETING

Two Smokers Will be Held This Session.

ELECTION ON NOV. 26.

Freshmen Very Conspicuous by Their Absence.

The first meeting of the Arts Undergraduate Society, for the session 1918-1919, was held in the Latin Room of the Arts Building. Mr. H. A. Aylen, the president-elect, being overseas, Mr. C. H. Adair, the vice-president, presided. The upper classes were well represented, but members of the first year were conspicuous by their absence.

The chairman, after welcoming new students to the society, proceeded with routine business. The advisability of holding a smoker before Christmas received careful consideration. It was the consensus of opinion that these smokers tended to unify the interests of the student body and afforded an opportunity, especially for the freshmen, of making the acquaintance of one another and creating an "esprit de corps" so much to be desired. Consequently, it was agreed to arrange for two smokers to be held this session—the first in the near future, the other after the mid-term examinations.

It was decided to hold an election on Thursday, November 28th, to fill two places left vacant on the executive by H. A. Aylen, president, and J. L. Rountree, treasurer, both having enlisted. The secretary will also be elected from the freshman year.

A unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation was passed, to be forwarded to Mr. H. A. Aylen, for his services and active interest in the society during the time he held office. Messrs. J. L. O'Brien and E. Kay were elected to the Reading Room Committee.

An informal discussion on several proposed amendments to the constitution resulted in all of them being withdrawn.

LAW OFFICES FILLED.

At a recent meeting of first year Law, the following were elected to form the executive:—

President, A. P. Gregg.

Secretary, Miss C. Lecker.

Treasurer, P. Presner.

The Law undergraduates met last night and elected J. Gallery to the office of secretary.

FRESHMEN RECEPTION A SUCCESS

Several Members of Faculty Present.

ADDRESS BY DEAN MOYSE.

Good Turn Out at the Hall of Arts and Science Freshmen.

About one hundred and twenty-five freshmen from the faculties of Arts and Applied Science were entertained last night by the Board of Directors of the McGill Y. M. C. A., at the annual Freshman Reception.

Mr. Fitzgerald occupied the chair, and the speakers of the evening were: Dr. Porter, Acting-Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science; Dr. Moyse, Dean of the Faculty of Arts; Prof. J. MacNaughton, Department of Classics; and Mr. A. I. Smith, of the "Daily."

Dr. Porter welcomed the newcomers to McGill on behalf of Dean Adams, who has been called to England for service in the new Khaki University. The speaker asked the new men not to think that McGill lacks in "college spirit" because no dormitories are visible as student residences, but to judge whether or not there is a college spirit by our war record.

Speaking particularly to the students in Applied Science, Dr. Porter told of the increasing part in world affairs being played by technically trained men. He mentioned particularly Mr. Hoover and his staff of the Belgium Relief Committee.

"The aim of the truly educated technical man is not the accumulation of wealth, but to do his best for the good of the world with the brain which God gave him, and his University trained for him."

Mr. Smith spoke briefly on the importance of the "Daily," and the ways in which freshmen could help it along.

Dean Moyse was then introduced to the assembly, and he began his address by explaining that the importance of a university does not rest with its size but with its ability to teach all branches of human knowledge, and with the honesty with which students approach their studies. Especially in the matter of reading is this factor of honesty a vital necessity. This honesty in duties leads to high character, and "character makes the man."

In speaking particularly of the Faculty of Arts, the Dean noted that his faculty compared unfavourably with other faculties in the matter of erecting memorials in the college buildings to those men who were once students and have become famous. Whatever should be the policy of the University during the period of peace upon which we are entering, one thing of utmost importance is that "we must have a memorial of those McGill men who answered the call of their country, and will never return."

Regarding personal advice to the students, Dr. Moyse could not say much, except that for those who survive there is a degree waiting, although not necessarily for the fittest. The two chief rules of conduct to be observed, were:—Do not become a book-worm; Do not become gulled in student activities. As a means of recreation, public speaking and debate were highly recommended, both as a diversion from study and as the development of talents of public address.

Professor MacNaughton then addressed the audience in his usual forceful and highly entertaining style. He drew a very vivid picture of the manhood of the British race at its best, exemplified by Dr. Grenfell, the Labrador missionary. To attain to this perfection, we must fight, and not shirk fighting, nor to seek the easy and less laborious methods of attaining ends.

It is the duty of every college man to prepare himself for some great work in the world scheme, and as a means to that preparation the study of the Bible is the greatest help which could be made use of by any man.

During the evening the freshmen were given a thorough training in the college songs and yells. Refreshments were served during the evening, and music supplied by Mr. Brooke, Med. '22.



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THE Y. M. C. A. FRESHMEN'S RECEPTION.

That the McGill Y. M. C. A. is quite capable of maintaining its traditional reputation for hospitality and generosity was certainly evidenced by the whole-hearted reception tendered the Freshmen of Arts and Science last night.

The Annual Freshman Reception is an event in the college man's career which, marking as it does his entrance upon a life of new privileges and obligations, remains green in his memory. That practically every Freshman in the two above mentioned faculties avail themselves of the Y. M. C. A.'s hospitality is an encouraging mark of good sense. These men will come more and more to realize the important part which Stratheona Hall plays in the student life at McGill.

These social functions and others which will follow represent but one phase of the work which the Y. M. C. A. accomplishes. There are other even more vital aspects of the Association's activity which no student can in his own interests afford to disregard.

The Association will feel that its effort has been indeed blessed with success if the Freshmen in attendance last night make that function but the beginning of an intimate and active connection with the McGill Y. M. C. A.

KEEP POSTED.

History is being made to-day as never before. Changes are taking place in every nation on the globe. Kings and potentates are being hurled into the discard. All of the forces for good and evil have met in a death struggle which is likely to cause even a greater epoch than the great war.

The allies of Germany, and Germany herself, are in chaos. Russia is still staggering beneath the burden of Bolshevism. Holland is in revolt. Denmark is unstable; so is Spain. And the Entente are also undergoing alterations. England is facing an election which will make or mar the work of its present Premier, Lloyd George. France faces the problem of restoring her devastated towns and villages and reorganizing her industries; even a greater task confronts Belgium.

Ten, twenty or fifty years from now, this period will be looked upon as the most momentous in the world's chronicle. Records, newspaper reports and letters of to-day will then be priceless. Associated Press and other telegraph dispatches will be found among the archives of the historical societies, as well as in the records of later histories. It is the greatest period in the world's history. Every student, every man, woman and child should keep in touch with it. A knowledge of Indian Mutiny, Crimea and South Africa are as nothing when compared with the events which have just taken place and those which are to come.

It will be a poverty stricken student who fails to keep posted with the current events. He who fails to read the papers, to study magazine reports and to familiarize himself with the history as it is being made, is failing to take advantage of an opportunity which has never before been offered to humanity. Keep posted.—Adapted from the Daily Illini.

THEOLOGY SENIORS

ELECT OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the graduating class of the Federated Theological Colleges, the following officers were elected for the session:—
President, R. D. Tannahill, B.A.
Vice-president, H. M. Beach.
Secretary-treasurer, W. Swan.

MED. '20 HOLD MEETING.

A meeting of the class of Med. '20 was held on November 20th. The following officers and members of committee were elected:—
President, Mr. Keith Gordon.
Vice-president, Mr. P. M. Wilson.
Secretary, Mr. O. C. Trahan.
Treasurer, Mr. R. B. Coulson.
Reporter, Mr. G. D. Little.
Executive, Mr. A. W. Young, Mr. H. Campbell.

Annual Report, Mr. L. J. Duffy, Mr. W. W. Beattie.

Amidors, Mr. C. S. McEuen, Mr. H. Campbell.
Mr. MacDougall moved a vote of thanks for the energetic and efficient

work of the retiring executive. Mr. Brown, the retiring president, in his reply, reminded the class that four of its members had died during the past few months. The death of Mr. A. E. Beckwith occurred while on active service, and the recent epidemic was responsible for the deaths of Messrs. E. L. Swin, J. T. Monahan and P. Witzling. These were four exemplary students, and their loss is a great one to the class of Med. '20.

LENGTHY INTERVIEWS.

"Any long speeches from your campaign?" "I should say so," replied Senator Storgum. "Some of my constituents have talked to me by the hour," Washington Star.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

The time when Germany should have yearned for peace was in July, 1914.—Washington Post.

MONEY-HUNDED.

"Well, I've got a commission." "Good! How much per cent?"

English Poor Law AND ITS ECONOMIC EFFECTS Prior to 1834.

(Continued.)

War With France.
The Peace of Amiens, March 17th, 1802, proved to be but a momentary lull in the war between England and France. On May 17th, 1803, hostilities were renewed and in May, 1804, Napoleon was proclaimed Emperor of France. In 1805, he was crowned King of Italy. His domination now extended to almost all Europe and England was only saved from invasion by Nelson's decisive victory at Trafalgar.

Owing to war conditions English commerce and industry were greatly embarrassed and this embarrassment was enhanced by Napoleon's Berlin and Milan decrees. To these blows at her trade England retaliated with similar laws of international scope. An almost immediate result was a clash with the United States which developed into the war of 1812. In the same year Napoleon invaded Russia, burned Moscow, and in returning to France the following winter suffered the almost complete loss of his fine army. From this disaster dates the beginning of the decline of Napoleon's prestige. In 1815, Wellington completed the downfall of the famous French general and subsequently Louis XVIII ascended the throne of France.

War Expenses.

As may be expected this chain of events necessitated a tremendous expenditure on the part of England. Between 1802 and 1815 taxation had increased from £35,415,096 to £72,210,512. In addition to this about two hundred and fifty million pounds had also been raised by loans and so forth. Hence the total National Debt had increased from £520,207,101 in 1802 to £758,646,654 in 1815. Such a tremendous expenditure without any corresponding return must have been felt in every branch of industry, yet the productive powers of the country were maintained with wonderful energy. Exports had risen from £21,920,001 in 1805 to £46,292,632 in 1809 and to £53,573,234 by 1814. The imports for the corresponding three periods were respectively £28,561,270 (1805), £21,750,557 (1809) and £23,755,254 (1814). Thus in each case we find England with the balance of trade distinctly in her favour.

Prices of Wheat.

The price of wheat in 1801 was 75s. 6d. and a series of good crops was responsible for the comparatively low price of 49s. 6d. in 1804. The following year, owing to poor harvests, the price jumped to 98s. 1d. During the succeeding two years crops proved to be better and prices fell; but the relief was only temporary for from 1807 to 1811 a discouraging series of bad crops ran prices up as high as 106s. 6d. This period of disastrous productivity was followed by two more or less favourable harvests and in 1819 the prices of wheat ranged around 70s. 4d. Between 1814 and 1820 crops were generally good and between 1820 and 1822 prices reached as low a level as 38s. The general rise of prices during the early part of the century may be variously accounted for—scarcity of wheat and possibly a depreciation of money, owing to travelling war conditions were perhaps the chief causes.

Misery and Deprivation.

Spenser Walpole, writing of the conditions prevailing among the poor classes in 1814 and the preceding few years, states that "the most frightful distress was almost universally prevalent." According to Walpole, the existing distress was, doubtless due, in a measure at least, to the "artificial addition made to the price of corn from the existence of the Corn Laws." Whether or not this exercised any considerable influence as compared with the more distinct causes is doubtful. But there were other fundamental causes. By the abuse of the Elizabethan Law, pauperism was created by the most indiscriminate and lavish grants of outdoor relief, and the aged and infirm paupers were crowded into the most dismal "workhouses" into the poor houses.

During the war with France the moneyed classes had profited on the whole greatly, but the chain of events which had improved the condition of the landowner and capitalist, had not alleviated the hardships to which the poor were exposed. The position, therefore, at the close of the war in 1815, of the landowner and capitalist was one of prosperity while on the other hand the poor classes were plunged into dire misery. With the resumption of hostilities against Napoleon, the demand for labour was greatly diminished and for labour and reduced wages for those fortunate enough to obtain labour. Thousands were abruptly thrown out of work and added to the clearing of the civilian classes. For employment was the new and inviting claim of the unemployed sailor and soldier. Spencer Walpole, referring to the condition of the agricultural classes at this time,

writes that "the fall in the value of corn in 1815 deprived the farmers of all probability of profit" and farms in many parts of England were thrown out of cultivation. far more important was the distress which was everywhere felt by the agricultural and manufacturing poor. Everything seemed to conspire to reduce the value of labour. As a last straw to the already oppressive burden of want and misery was to be added the fearful failure of the crops in 1816. Describing the universal misery of this period, Walpole writes that "never, during the whole of the war, had Britain experienced such suffering as she felt after the first conclusion of peace from the combined influence of bad weather, super-abundant labour and dear bread." Riots and lawlessness were general throughout England and the existing wretchedness and misery were appalling.

Wages and Prices.

A brief consideration of the relation between the rate of wages and margin of subsistence makes it obvious how oppressively the subsequent rapid rise in prices must have borne on the poor. Wages neither rise nor fall in immediate or exact proportion to the rise or fall of prices. A rise in wages to a certain extent, did take place but the cost of subsistence was far in advance of the wages of labour.

Poor Rates Increased.

In the meantime the poor rates had increased enormously. The effect of the Poor Law, in supplementing the remuneration of the labourer from the poor rates, was to cut down the wages of labour. Farmers had long been in the habit of relying upon the poor fund to pay a large percentage of the wages of their hired labour. In fact, according to statement which Lord Castlereagh is credited with having made in 1817, in cases where 15s. or 20s. in the pound were paid for poor rates, 15s. of that would be found to be wages paid in the shape of poor rates. A few figures at this juncture may give some idea of the alarming rapidity with which the poor rate assessment increased between 1801 and 1815 when it reached the maximum. In 1801, the amount expended in the relief of the poor was £4,100,000. By 1813, the expenditure in this connection had increased to £26,086,108, while in 1818, it reached £7,870,801. This great and rapid rise in the poor rates, which made itself so apparent about 1817 led to the appointment of a committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Sturges Bourne for the purpose of investigation with a view to remedying the evil.

Curwen's Report.

Mr. Curwen, one of its members, in reporting the result of personal investigation to this committee did not attribute the existing evils to the Act of Elizabeth, which formed the basis of the English system of Poor Law, but rather to its misadministration. He condemned the system, as it existed, for swallowing up the whole revenue and industry of the country. His recommendations were chiefly that incomes arising from public funds, personal property and stock in trade should pay a poor rate of 10 per cent, whilst an assessment of 12½ per cent be imposed, for like purpose, on incomes from land. Also that the working classes should be required to make a weekly sacrifice of 2½ per cent on the produce of their labour. By thus taxing incomes Curwen believed that greater economy in the matter of expenditure for so-called poor relief might be attained.

Castlereagh's Speech.

Lord Castlereagh, also acted as a member of this committee of investigation. Speaking in reply to Mr. Curwen's report and proposals he agreed with him in condemning the inadequacy of the Poor Law administration and went further in stating it to be his opinion that there should be paid officials who should devote the whole of their time to the administration of Poor Relief. He stated that he recognized the principle of Mr. Curwen's proposed rating system but seriously doubted the possibility of reaching personal property by such a method of taxation. In concluding his speech Lord Castlereagh begged for large views, the liberal spirit of statement and a determination on the part of the members of the committee to remove an acknowledged evil.

His Importance.

Lord Castlereagh's speech was of great importance. He made known the views of the Government, which he was the ablest head, and it had a very considerable influence on the sentiment and legislation of the period.

The committee, presided over by Sturges Bourne, spent four months in deliberation and enquiry, and then with a comprehensive knowledge of the prevailing conditions, as investigation had revealed them, rendered its report on July 4th, 1817.

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No communications will be admitted in this column without the name of the writer being attached, not necessarily for PUBLICATION.

Montreal, November 20, 1918.

Editor, Daily:

DEAR SIR,—In your editions of Monday and Tuesday you are carrying a large advertisement for a dental company which has recently opened a place of business in the city.

It is well understood generally, that reputable professional men do not care, or need, to advertise extensively.

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McGill has never stood for such professional standards, and cannot now in Dentistry any more than in Medicine. As the organ of the student body of McGill, it is evident that the "Daily" cannot consistently continue to carry such advertisements.

The legality of such dental advertisements is quite another matter—one which the courts of our own province have at present before them.

Yours truly,

RALPH EDMISON.

President, McGill Undergraduate Dental Society.

Editorial Note.—The above letter is published in our Correspondence Column as a matter of courtesy, in spite of the fact that the writer failed to follow the directions printed beneath the heading. As far as the statements contained in it are concerned, we wish to explain that the incident is a regrettable one, but that it is not so merely from the point of view of the Dental Society, but also from that of the College as a whole and "McGill Daily" in particular. In order to avoid all possibility of being misunderstood, we wish to assure any who may take umbrage at the unfortunate situation created that we, at least, are deeply interested in finding a solution satisfactory to all concerned.

While going to the words of the writer to the effect that "as the organ of the student body of McGill it is evident that the Daily cannot consistently continue to carry such advertisements," we feel it necessary to make clear the position of the student staff of the College publication.

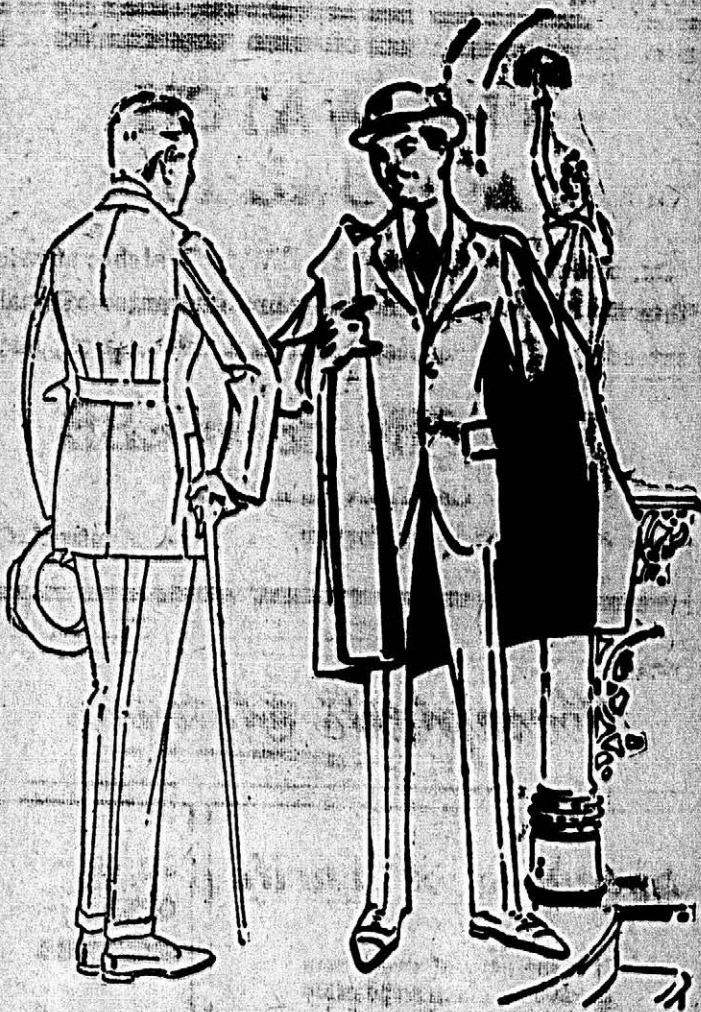
While, as a matter of course, the Editorial Staff has control over the substance of the advertisements printed in the columns of the Daily, it must be plain to anyone who realizes the conditions under which the paper is produced that of necessity such supervision will be in the hands of the publishers.

The idea of an Editorial Staff, with its duties clearly defined by the very title, spends its precious time in considering fifteen columns of advertisements, however diverting it may appear to the lay reader is one that is really cannot present itself as reasonable to those with experience in the matter.

Our correspondents, in the local aspect of the question, it must be remembered that from the point of view of the publishers a constant one entered upon is to obtain, not have, we may say, a reason for assuming that the publication of advertising matter such as that referred to in the above letter, and which it was felt to meet with the approval of our readers, can be arbitrarily discontinued. The writer himself states that the legality of such dental advertisements is quite another matter.

In conclusion we wish to state that of the Dental Society and its ongoing campaign to regard as "insufficient," we cannot help viewing with some with the information at its disposal in criticism of the student staff of disappointment and regret the action (which in the face of facts we are "McGill Daily")

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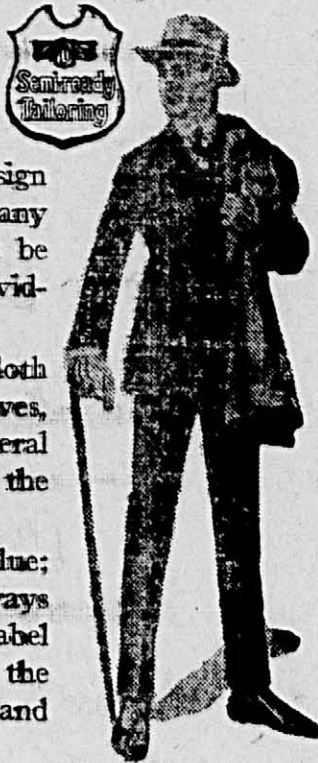
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TEACHING DRAMA AT YALE UNIVERSITY.

The age-old controversy still rages; where and how shall the artist acquire the technique of his art? On one side are those who point triumphantly to tumble-down garrets and the smoky dismalness of Grub Street, proclaiming, "Behold the true nurseries of art." On the other are a few periwigged fellows in tortoise-shell goggles who take young aspirants by the hand and lead them within a large, musty place smelling to the ceiling of old books, saying, "Behold the true treasure house of artistic theory—only here can art be learned, for in this place are stored all the secrets of the ancient craftsmen."

Each loudly assails the other, the former, or Grub Streeters, describing the bookworms as "impractical theorists, living remote from actual life, and ignorant of the feel of the world's pulse"; the bookworms, more dignifiedly, even not always aware of the ridicule the "practical" man feels for them—the bookworms, we repeat, most solemnly, descendant upon the platitude that there can be no edifice without a foundation, no art without culture beneath it, in short that books beget books, or art art, as you please.

Curiously enough, each point of view is in a measure correct, although one risks by such a statement an insult to both factions. How can there be art without a knowledge of life—to name one of art's many important ingredients—and how can there be art which is not the product of Matthew Arnold's definition of culture?

In teaching something of the theory of creative work in the specialized art field known as the drama, it has been the object at Yale, to keep these conflicting theories in mind, to avoid sworn allegiance to either, and to strive, as far as may be possible when training young minds who lack nearly all of the important factor "knowledge-of-life"—to seek to warn that neither the university library nor Grub Street are complete repositories of the fundamentals of aesthetics. Too much of the library leads to pedantry—to the ink-horn term, as the Elizabethans denoted it. We to-day call the same thing "high-browism." Too much of Grub Street leads to vulgarity, to the bubble reputation floating on the froth of the best seller. It is a nice question which is the more fatal to art—pedantry or vulgarity.

It is easy to say that in teaching these extremes are to be avoided. The interesting thing is, how is it done? Professor Phelps, who was the first to bring the study of contemporary drama within the cloisters of an American university, laid a sure foundation for others to work upon. His method, described in black and white, resembles the phrases of any college catalogue. Apparently it is nothing more than "reading and discussion." In result, it is considerably more. His classes, in the first place, read more than is required of them, often for the sake of discovering an argument with which to refute the teacher—a subtle skill on the lecturer's part which succeeding classes fail to fathom. Again, contemporary drama is studied as a mirror of contemporary life. Aristotle is consulted upon occasion, but no surprise is expressed when it is noted that George M. Cohan departs somewhat from the Stagerite's precepts. Why contemporary dramatists differ from the classic is important, but the fact that they do does not in itself condemn modernity.

In teaching playwriting or, as that academic Mrs. Grundy, the university catalogue, prefers to call it, "dramatic composition," the same attempt is made to balance pedantry with empiricism. It is necessary for students to know a lot about how men have written plays and why they constructed them in certain patterns. No artist can paint a full-length portrait until he has mastered drawing from the cast and from life, until he has a working knowledge of human anatomy. He may possess a heaven-sent talent for drawing, but this in itself does not relieve him from the tedium of mastering technique. On the other hand, it is equally clear that finished plays, ready for the practical stage, are seldom, if ever, to be expected from young men whose life experience is still limited.

For this reason, five-finger exercises, correct in general elements, are required; completed symphonies are not looked for. A part of what students must know is a background of the subject. Without this knowledge they run the risk of drifting rudderless through later experience. They might or might not arrive. With the chart of knowledge, however, their chances of arriving are somewhat increased, although even this chart is of little or no use to a man without an idea of where he is going. All who study drawing do not get into the Salon, nor all who study playwriting are certain of seeing their names glitter on a Broadway signboard.

To those who maintain that literary art in any form is unteachable, it is only necessary to say that the experience of our colleges is proving them wrong. The student whose mind is so formed that he can profit by reading and analysis, together with simple creative exercises guided by a sympathetic

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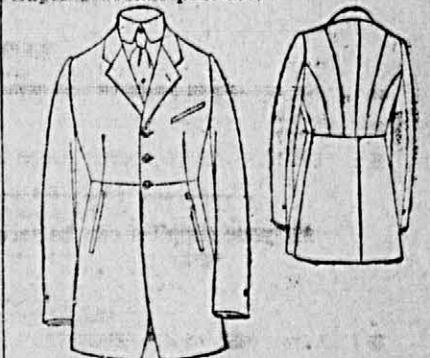
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R. V. C. NOTES

Meeting of R.V.C. Undergraduate Society.

A meeting of the R.V.C. Undergraduate Society was held yesterday, at one o'clock, in the Common Room, and several important matters were discussed.

It was decided that fifty dollars from the undergraduate fund be given for the present "Three-in-One" Red Cross campaign, and that the students would be very pleased if the contributions of the R. V. C. Staff be sent together with this as the whole contribution from the Royal Victoria College.

It was then decided that a wedding-present be sent to Mrs. Vaughan, former vice-warden of the Royal Victoria College, as a token of appreciation and gratitude from the undergraduates.

Miss Cruikshank addressed the gathering on behalf of the R.V.C. Red Cross, stating that no more socks would be required, and that work would be done for refugee children instead.

As there was no further business, the meeting then adjourned.

Y.W.C.A. Reception

The annual Y. W. C. A. reception for the First Year students was held yesterday afternoon in the Common Room of the Royal Victoria College, and proved a splendid success. Miss Hurlbutt was called upon to say a few words of welcome to the new students. She spoke of the tremendous sacrifice made by McGill in the recent conflict and of our thankfulness for the victorious peace.

The president, Miss Jessie Paterson-Smyth, then dealt with the business of the meeting. She spoke with feeling of the serious loss the society has sustained in the death of its vice-president, Miss Alice Safford, whose unfailing enthusiasm had always been an inspiration in the work of the society. Miss Hammill, student secretary of the Y.W.C.A., in giving her message, also referred to this loss.

Miss Helen Nichol was unanimously appointed vice-president.

The President outlined the programme of the society for the coming year. The regular meetings on Social Service problems are to be held fortnightly. Special attention was drawn to the Bible Study work; this work is to be divided into two groups. Miss Jamieson, of the Y.W.C.A., in Montreal is to conduct one group, which is to be comprised chiefly of Freshmen. Miss Margaret McNaughton is to lead the other group, which will be more for upper classmen. Miss McNaughton will be missed very much at college this year. She was elected president of the society for this year, but as she is not continuing her college course at present it is not possible for her to hold this office. An advanced course for upper classmen especially, is to be given in conjunction with the Y.M.C.A. to be held in Strathcona Hall.

This course is to be conducted by Archdeacon Paterson-Smyth and the subject is to be "The Making of the Bible in the Light of Modern Research." The course is to consist of ten lectures of one hour each; three to be held in December, three in January, none in February, on account of the examinations, and four to be held in March.

The members then turned their attention to the real business of the meeting—the tea. As this was the first social event of the college the students had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the new members. Mrs. Adams, honorary president of the society, and Miss Jamieson were present.

The majority of McGill students are ever anxious to attend a dance, and here is an opportunity for them to satisfy their desire and at the same time to help one of the most worthy causes of the present day.

Everyone knows that there is a convalescent home in Ste. Agathe for boys who have returned home temporarily or permanently tubercular, but it is seldom that a call is made on one to help these same lads. Why? Have they not done every bit as much and often given more than some of the returned men in town here? Surely they are just as deserving; but because their health demands mountain air we send them to Ste. Agathe and fairly ostracize them.

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It is for this reason, to purchase a pool table for these lads, that a dance is to take place next Tuesday evening in Majestic Hall, Guy Street. It has been arranged by Miss N. Sanderson, 15 Highland Avenue, whose brother is at present a patient at the Ste. Agathe Military Convalescent Home. The tickets are seventy-five cents each, including refreshments, and

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First Year.

The First Year will hold a meeting to-day in the French Room, at 11 o'clock. The business is the election of a representative to the Societe Francaise.

Arts '21.

There will be a class meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21st, after Latin, at one o'clock.

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THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORS GOING TO KHAKI UNIV.

Dr. Welsh and Principal Rexford to Have Theological Department.

Last night the Theological professors and students met in Dignity Hall for the purpose of saying "Good-bye and God-speed" to Dr. Rexford, principal of the Diocesan College, and to Dr. R. E. Welsh, of the Presbyterian College. These professors are going overseas immediately to organize the theological department in the Khaki University.

The meeting was presided over by

NOTICES

Cercle Francais.

A meeting of the executive of the Cercle Francais will be held in the Reading Room of the Arts Building on Friday, at 3 p.m.

Chemical Society.

The first meeting of the McGill Chemical Society will be held Friday, November 22nd, at 5 o'clock, in the Chemistry and Mining Building. Dr. R. F. Ruttan will speak to the society on Fossil Fats, with special reference to Adipocere and Bog Butter. As the speaker is an authority on this subject, no further invitation need be extended to any who may be interested. All are welcome.

Juniors!

Within the next few days every Junior will be approached by the class treasurer of the Junior years, in order to obtain the levy of fifty cents to cover initial expenses of the McGill Annual. You will save much time by giving this as soon as possible.

Dr. W. H. Warriner, Dean of the Federated Theological Colleges, who explained the purpose of the gathering, and then called on Dr. Rexford to outline some of his plans.

Dr. Rexford reminded the students that quite a large percentage of the theologians were overseas, and it was to help them catch up in some measure, during the time of demobilization, that he was especially planning. Also, he hoped that many more would become desirous of entering the Christian ministry. He said that his courses had been provided for as far as possible, and asked the students if there should be any inconvenience resulting from the change, to sacrifice their convenience for the sake of the boys who had sacrificed themselves.

Dr. Welsh also spoke briefly. He said he would reserve his long speech for his return, when he would be more able to speak of their programme.

Wm. Swan and J. Atkins, on behalf of the student body, also wished the departing professors God-speed.

It is expected that other theological professors will shortly follow these two, and so work much on the lines of the theological calendar.

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